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4. A German railroad official stated that the loadings in the Wittstock-Netzeband area were completed by 16 February. A total of 2,000 cars had been loaded, with most of the shipments bound for Magdeburg and some also for Schwerin.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. All shipments were previously reported by one or several sources.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. The train with shipment-record [REDACTED] probably carried additional units of the 34th Arty Div (US) which were to conduct combat firing practice at Altengrabow. So far, elements of the division were on one train each shipped to the troop training grounds from 7 to 11 February and 16 to 20 February respectively.

3. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably, the two trains were loaded with components of the 6th Arty Div. A troop train [REDACTED] which went from Trebbin to Calau, south of Luebbenau, on 21 February was assumed to have carried elements of the signal regiment of the Third Gds Mecz Army. [REDACTED]. It is possible that elements of the Third Gds Mecz Army started exercises in the area northwest of Cottbus at the end of February 1953, in which the above mentioned units participated.

4. [REDACTED] Comment. The two trains probably shipped units of the 9th Gds Tank Div to several-day combat firing practices to the northern section of the Jueterbog troop training grounds. The troop train loaded with guns, which another source reported to have seen at the Neustrelitz railroad station, headed toward Berlin on 23 February, presumably is identical with shipment [REDACTED].

5. [REDACTED] Comment. After 14 February, units which completed field exercises in the Wittstock-Netzeband area were loaded. Several reports definitely indicate that, from the Wittstock-Pritzwalk area, only units of the Third Shock Army returned to their posts while, from the Netzeband railroad station, units of the 9th Gds Tank Div from Neustrelitz returned home. Thus, the statements by the railroad official are only partially correct.

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